



Ackworth Parish Magazine



**Reverend Paul Hartley
Thank you and God bless
you in your retirement.**

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Dear Friends,

This issue embraces one of the most important times of the Churches life and this year it also marks a very important event in the life of the nation and also probably one of the most important times of my own personal life.

It is a season which begins with Pentecost or Whitsunday when the Holy Spirit descended to the earth and the Church was born. On the 29th June we celebrate the feasts of St Peter and St Paul, arguably the most important people in the establishment and growth of the Church. For our country, the 8th June is the date of the general election - one of the most important ones in the last 40 years or so as we negotiate the terms of our exit from the European Union (sorry, but I hate the made-up word 'Brexit'). Finally, for myself, July particularly 29th when my only daughter gets married and then the 31st the date of my retirement marks a massive change in my home, family and work life.

As appropriate in a season where the wind of change blew through the lives of those first disciples and Saints Peter and Paul started to spread the gospel outside their local communities these months mark a period of change and renewal. Interestingly we talk about the renewal of lives as being moved by the winds of change. Pentecost, as we know is the time when the Holy Spirit blew into that upper room where the disciples were gathered, the wind - comes from the Greek word 'pneuma' which means 'spirit' - also the root of words like inspiration , respiration - the medical word for breath or breathing, It's odd that breathing is something we are rarely aware of, until something goes wrong with it. Sadly, the same is true of the Holy Spirit the wind of change! We rarely think about it other than the times when we specifically celebrate the occasion when it blew through that first gathering at Pentecost or during Petertide - the traditional time for ordinations. Just like the breaths we take constantly, so is the Holy Spirit's presence with us, though we may only acknowledge its presence one or twice a year.

The possibility of change or renewal is offered to all who are eligible to vote and in a letter to both church and nation the Archbishops of Canterbury and York remind us of our Christian duty on such occasions. In a nutshell they say that we have two duties as Christians in this election; the first is to pray for those who take on the responsibility which political power offers both those who remain in office and those standing for election and secondly they call upon all Christians to set aside the apathy and cynicism which can often arise on such occasions. It is our duty to participate by supporting those candidates we believe in and to vote. Also we need to encourage others to do the same. Perhaps in terms of the party in power overall there may not be much change; such a nationwide decision does call for renewal, an opportunity to revive and reassess the needs of the people of this nation!

Finally and probably for me, the greatest change in my lifetime, my retirement and all that this involves which follows the marriage of my youngest child, Sarah, my daughter. Since I was ordained in 1987, plus three years training I

have given my life to the church. Although I will never cease to be ordained or to be a Christian, the nature of how I live out my faith will change radically when I cease to be a stipendiary minister in the Church. This will mean a major change in the way I live my life, particularly in terms of my witness to the gospel. After over 20 years I will be also moving from the village which has been my home for the last 20 years, leaving behind many friends I have made over this time.

Change can be a daunting process but not necessarily a bad thing, change for the first disciples; change for the Church, change for our nation and change for myself, all involve an additional extra, as we are reminded by Pentecost. The Holy Spirit if allowed into that process of change will not merely mean the cessation of all that has gone before but a change which involves renewal.

God bless you all for all your help support and friendship that you have given to me and my family during our time in Ackworth and may you find renewal through the process of change which lies ahead.

'In the last days it will be, God declares that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh'.

Through change and renewal may you be open to the Holy Spirit to bless preserve and keep us.

Wishing you a blessed and fruitful Pentecost

Paul

HOWARDS SCHOOL

At Ackworth Howard CofE Junior and Infant School, we are very proud of our relationship with St. Cuthbert's and its community and are extremely pleased to inform you of some of our most recent events, news and enrichment opportunities for our children. We hope that you enjoy reading.

York Trip

Class 5 had an action packed day in York recently. The children took part in various workshops and demonstrations run by York Chocolate Story which explained how chocolate changes properties. They made their very own chocolate bar, learned about the ingredients involved in making the 3 different types of chocolate and investigated why some chocolates were not the same consistency.

The children also took a guided tour of the York Chocolate Story and learnt about the founders of chocolate in York including the Quaker Rowntree and Terry families and how the confectionary they made has changed over time.

Nursery Update

You may be aware that as a school we have been working on a project to open a school nursery. I am very pleased to confirm that we will be extending our school age range to include a nursery class. We are very excited to announce that this will be open from September 2017.

Chance to Shine – Cricket Charity

We are pleased to say we have teamed up with the Chance to Shine cricket charity. The charity offers the opportunity for children to get involved in cricket sessions led by specialist coaches. These coaches will be working with Rainbows, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 over the next 6 weeks. A group of children will also get the opportunity to compete in a local cricket competition.

Easter Service

Thank you to everybody who attended the Easter Service at St Cuthbert's Church. I am sure you will agree Year 3 and 4 did a great job with their production.

Easter Events

During Easter we held an Easter coffee afternoon. The children enjoyed their Easter Bonnet Parade and the Great Egg Race and it was fantastic to see the array of entries in the egg design competition and the HSA Bake Off.

Google Expeditions

Years 1 to 6 had an exciting afternoon recently trying out the virtual reality experience delivered by their teachers (with a little help from Google).

Forest School

Mr. Baker is our Forest School teacher and recently continued the fire theme. The children learnt about the fire triangle and different types of fuel, they were tasked with keeping their own fire burning for 5 minutes, one group managed over 20 minutes showing great team work and communication skills!

Eco-Council

The eco-council have been working hard lately and have produced an action plan from the school environmental review they undertook.

The children have also been keen to share the chickens that have now joined us.



Rev. Paul Hartley

Paul Hartley is retiring from Ackworth Parish on 31st July, 2017 and we would like to offer him our thanks and good wishes.

Paul, of course, won't be retiring from the priesthood although his ministry will now take a different direction and he will no longer have the responsibility of a parish! He has served Ackworth Parish Church faithfully for over 20 years which have seen a number of changes including the arrival of grandchildren. Paul can be proud of all he has achieved here and he will be leaving behind him happy memories and a legacy of ongoing Christian work and service in this village. Paul is a real 'people person' and his approachability, sense of humour, kindness and compassion has been very much valued as he has offered a listening ear and pastoral support for others who are experiencing the trials of life, including bereavement and, from his own experience, illness. Many have benefited from his wisdom and constancy, including our own assistant priest, Paul Fox, and past trainees Jenny Montgomery and David Teece. There are countless individual memories of times when he has listened, smiled, laughed and prayed with us. We are delighted that he is recovering well from his recent major operation and wish him ongoing good health and a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

We shall be saying an official 'goodbye' to Paul, although he won't be leaving until the end of July, on Sunday, 25th June. Following the 10.15 am Eucharist at St. Cuthbert's Church we will have a shared lunch and a glass of wine with a presentation and a visit from Bishop Tony. Do feel that you can join us – please let us know if you are intending to come so that we can ensure that we have catered for you!

Paul (and the whole parish) has been ably supported by his wife Sue and we will very much miss them both. We offer them a huge 'thank you', sending our best and warmest good wishes, and ask God's blessing on their next steps.

Join us on Sunday 25th June

Following the morning Eucharist at St. Cuthbert's Church at 10.15 am

'Lunch and a Glass'

to thank Rev. Paul Hartley, his wife Sue, and family

for their dedication to the Parish

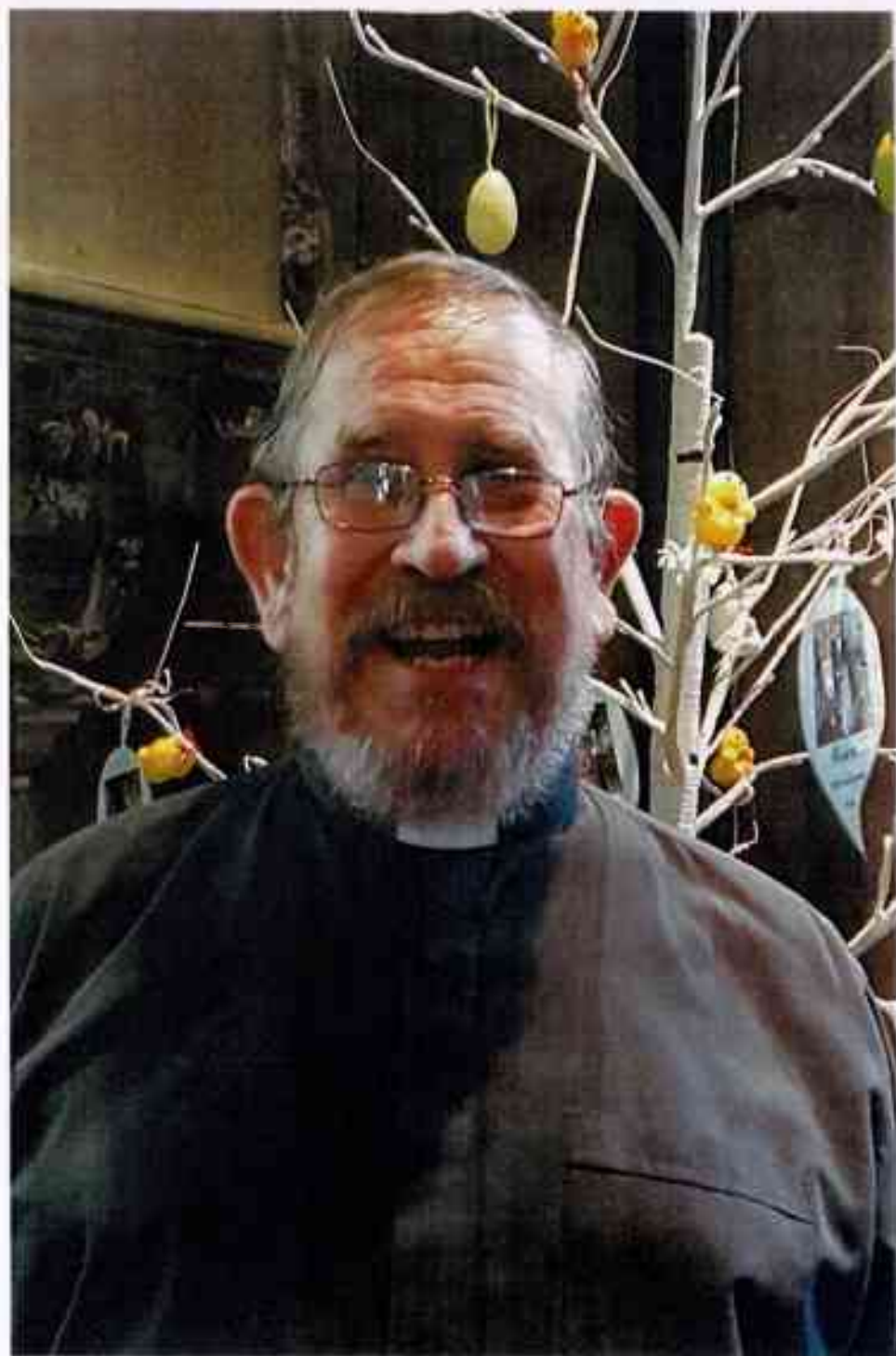
and to wish them well for the future!

If you would like to join us for lunch from 12.00 pm

Please let one of the Churchwardens know!

Lynne 616384

Julie 616121



With the help of God, we will....

'You who are elected Churchwarden are called to share in the leadership and care of Christ's people, and in the wise stewardship of our practical affairs.

Your leadership is first to support your minister by prayer, to ensure that all in church and community are heard and listened to. Your wider task of leadership is to help communication between the local church and the Bishop and Archdeacon.

You are also called to share in the care and stewardship of our buildings and all that is within them, so that they may express the life and hope we find in Jesus Christ. Church buildings still speak to those who pass by and to those who visit them; the buildings express the spiritual life of the communities who meet there.'

This is what we heard when we attended the Primary Visitation of Bishop Nick Baines during the evening of 18th May at Wakefield Cathedral. The service is a time when Churchwardens across the diocese come together and are charged with their duties before the Bishop and they declare their willingness to undertake the role.

We both found the service at the cathedral to be inspirational and moving - it gave us a sense of renewal and a chance to recharge our batteries for the year ahead.

There was a strong message from Bishop Nick, who made reference to the diocesan strap line, 'Loving, Living and Learning.' What does this mean for you?

We aim to:

Love God, the world and one another.

Live in the world as it is, but, drawn by a vision of something better, we want to help individuals and communities flourish.

Learn when we get things wrong, by listening and growing together.

We will both do our best to live up to the challenge that this presents and we hope to lead by example and encourage you over the coming year to **Love, Live and Learn** with us.

Julie Davis & Lynne Ward

Churchwardens



REMEMBER

Please remember the following brave souls in your prayers on the 100th anniversary of their deaths in the Great War.

WILSON Alfred – G18228, Private, died Monday 23.7.17 (28)
Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment 7th Battalion
Commemorated on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Son Arthur William & Charlotte Ann of Low Ackworth

Omitted in error from the last magazine

SIMPSON Harold, G/50586, Private, Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) 4th Battalion, formerly 30894 Essex Regiment
Killed in Action 11.4.17, commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, son of Dorothy and the late JH of Cambridge, born Ackworth

NORTON Charles, 312975, Private, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 10th Battalion, died Monday 9.4.17

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.
Husband of Alice, Francis Buildings, Brackenhill, Ackworth

Colin Tanswell

Youthwork Update

Following the restructuring of the PCC working groups, the Youth Team has met several times to consider the ideas which were put forward by the PCC and our congregations, and to review what was being provided.

Our Sunday group continues to meet at St Cuthbert's Church during the first half of the 10:15am service, and joining the adults half way through. This has been strengthened recently by more children attending, and also additional helpers. However, they do not meet on the second Sunday of the month, which is our All Age Service, aimed to be a shorter and less formal communion service. Little Friends, our Parent & Toddler group, continues to meet at All Saints' Church and has grown over the last year. It is now meeting twice a month on the first and third Thursday of each month, 2:00-3:30pm, providing activities for toddlers, a safe place for babies, and a chance for adults to engage and support each other.

We introduced a Board Games Evening, which was a chance to reconnect with some familiar games, and be introduced to some new ones in a friendly way. Those attending have met new friends, and gained new competitive skills. This takes place every two months, dates can be found on our website, www.ackworthcofe.co.uk, or on our newsheet.

We had a very successful activity afternoon at St Cuthbert's Church on Palm

Sunday, where those attending acted out the Easter story, from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, through to the resurrection. This was done with much shouting and cheering and excitement. There was also the opportunity to engage in creative activities related to the Easter story. The afternoon finished with singing, followed by hotdogs and chocolate brownies. We intend to do something similar on Saturday 16th September 3:30-6:00pm on the theme of Harvest, weather permitting, including some churchyard activities.

Paul Hartley, and Paul Fox continue to visit our three primary schools on a regular basis, meeting with the staff and children, and leading assemblies. We are currently planning an after school club in one of our schools, during the Summer term, which should last just less than an hour and include drama, games, active participation in telling bible stories, and hopefully some whacky singing!

If you wish to know any more about any of these events, or who to contact, check our website (address above).

Paul Fox
Rev

Christingle 2016 donations total

As we continue to celebrate this season of hope and resurrection, Christingle 2016 may seem a distant memory for you, and thousands of our other dedicated supporters who took part in a Christingle service this year. However, here at The Children's Society we have been hard at work counting your generous donations, and have reached a final total for this year.

Following what has been a truly remarkable season of Christingle celebrations, I am thrilled to let you know that your efforts have raised an incredible **£1,200,000!**

This is an astounding achievement, and these valuable funds will go a long way in helping us to continue supporting children and young people who need us the most throughout 2017 and beyond.

Please do share this good news with members of your church, community and schools, as well as your family and friends, so that everyone who has played a part in the success of this year's Christingle knows just what a difference they will make.

Thank you so much for all you do to support our vital work and the crucial difference you help us make to the lives of thousands of vulnerable children all over the UK.

Wishing you every blessing in this Easter season.

Mo Baldwin
Director of Church Partnerships

Readings Rota for June 2017, July 2017

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
04/06/2017	Day of Pentecost	Numbers 11:24-30	Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23	Anne Bullock		Mrs H Hunter
11/06/2017	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 40:12-17 & 27-31	2 Corinthians 13:11-14	Matthew 28:16-20		P	Mr I Hall
18/06/2017	Proper 6	Genesis 18:1-15	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8	Jackie Dawson		Mrs S Hall
25/06/2017	Sts Peter & Paul	Zechariah 4:1-6a & 10b-end	Acts 12:1-11	Matthew 16:13-19		B	Mrs M Walker
02/07/2017	Proper 8	Genesis 22:1-14	Romans 6:12-end	Matthew 10:40-end	Jane Siddall		Mrs H Hunter
09/07/2017	Proper 9	Gen 24:34-38, 42-29, 58-67	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30		P	Mr I Hall
16/07/2017	Proper 10	Genesis 25:19-34	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Sue Hartley		Mrs S Hall
23/07/2017	Proper 11	Genesis 28:10-19a	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43		B	Mrs M Walker
30/07/2017	Proper 12	Genesis 29:15-28	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33:45-52	Keith Shaw		Mrs H Hunter

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JUNE 25TH	FLOWER FUND
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JULY 9TH	WEDDING
JULY 16TH	FLOWER FUND
JULY 23RD	FLOWER FUND
JULY 30TH	WEDDING



ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

JUNE 4TH	WENDY LAYBOURN
JUNE 11TH	PEGGY HUBY
JUNE 18TH	FLOWER FUND
JUNE 25TH	STELLA HALL
JULY 2ND	SUE & COLIN TANSWELL
JULY 9TH	CHRISTINE & VAL WILLIAMS
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JULY 23RD	ANNE HURST
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- 9 April Sebastian Adshead
14 May Eddie Stephen Walker, Nell Fisher, Jason Harcomb, George Last.
28 May Lottie Katrina Dilworth

Marriages

- 8 April Richard Anthony Lee & Beverley Arwen Dorking
9 April Gavin Brian Halse & Laura Elizabeth Bray
5 May Alexander John Buchanan & Gemma Marie Kinnear

Funerals

- 29 March Roy Longfield (90) Ackworth
7 April Richard David James Clarke (21) Ackworth
20 April Barry Goodson (73) Ackworth
21 April Clifford Andrews (92) Fitzwilliam
10 May Jacqueline Halstead (67) Ackworth
18 May Anthony Cotton (58) Ackworth

Funerals and Baptisms

The PCC have made the decision that for safeguarding reasons we will no longer be publishing the addresses of those recently deceased whose names are published in the magazine, as is already the policy for baptism families.

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SUNDAY 10.45am WORSHIP WITH JUNIOR CHURCH
ALL AGE WORSHIP ON THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
COFFEE MORNINGS - MONDAYS - 10:30 am - 12 noon

THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH PONTEFRACT Incorporating ST MICHAEL KNOTTINGLEY

FATHER SIMON LODGE

Sunday Mass Times

ST MICHAEL 9 am. ST JOSEPH 11.30 am, Evening 6 pm.

Mass Times for The Parish Of The Sacred Heart RC Father Anthony Fenton

Sacred Heart, Hemsworth

Sunday, 10:45am Saturday Night Mass, 6:00pm

Sunday Services for June 2017 and July 2017

Sunday Services

8.30am	Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sunday BCP service)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong (except 3rd Sunday in month)	All Saints'
3.30pm	Evensong with Healing Prayer (third Sunday in month)	All Saints'

Wednesday Service

9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
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Special Events and Services

JUNE

3	1-3pm All Saints Fair/Sale
4	1pm Heritage Fair, the Green High Ackworth (refreshments served @ St Cuthbert's)
8	9.45am SC Howard School Prayer and Praise Service.
9	7.30pm Thursday Club: Guiding - Mrs Deborah Barker
24	Ackworth Gala Carr Bridge Playing Fields

JULY

1	1-3.30pm All Saints' Summer Fair/Sale
13	7.30pm Thursday Club: Breadmaking - Bob & Paul
21	9.45am SC Howard School Leavers Service
22	SC Afternoon Tea

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday	10.30am Worship 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	9.30—11.15am Parents and Toddlers Group
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All services and meetings are held at the Ackworth Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane.	

Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month
2pm to 3.30pm

All Saints Church - Anne-Marie Troupes for information 01977 619028.